

Interview Summary	Application No. 10/628,873	Applicant(s) BOERTJE ET AL.	
	Examiner John Rivell	Art Unit 3753	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(2) Mr. Anthony E. Bennett. (4) _____

Date of Interview: 19 January 2006.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: Proposed amended claims 1, 22, 25 and new claim 33.

Identification of prior art discussed: Day.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: discussed proposed claims 1, 22, 25 and new claim 33 (see attached proposed claim amendments). Examiner indicated proposals appeared to overcome rejections of record. Will await formal response.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required

Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews

Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

All business with the Patent or Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiners Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
(The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner's version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, "Interview Record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.

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Serial No.:	10/628,873	Group Art Unit:	3753
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Filed:	July 28, 2003	Dated:	January 19, 2006
For:	FLUID POWER VALVE AND VISUAL INDICATOR		

Proposed Claims For Discussion

Dear Examiner Rivell:

Please find below several proposed claims in preparation for our 2:00 p.m. telephone interview today.

1. (Currently amended) A modular fluid valve assembly comprising:
 - a valve, for controlling fluid flow from an inlet port and an outlet port;
 - a control assembly, said control assembly ~~separately~~ removably connected to said valve to selectively activate said valve;

a visual indicator, ~~said visual indicator being~~ electronically connected to said control assembly for indicating the activation of said valve, said visual indicator including a light source for emitting light when said valve is actuated; and a light pipe disposed adjacent to said light source to facilitate viewing of the activation of said light source, said light pipe being removably attached to said control assembly independent of said valve, wherein the valve is removable from the control assembly independent of said light pipe ~~wherein said light pipe facilitates viewing of the activation of said light source.~~

22. (Currently Amended) A visual indicator for use with a valve manifold comprising:

a light source for showing activation of a valve;

a light pipe having a first end positioned adjacent the light source and a second opposite display position;

a holder adapted to be attached to said manifold, said holder removably securing said light pipe separate from the valve to permit the light pipe and valve to be removed from the manifold independent of each other; and

~~said light pipe being removably held in the holder to permit the light pipe to be removed without the use of tools.~~

25. (Currently amended) A modular fluid valve assembly comprising:

a manifold having a longitudinal axis and including a first valve mounting station and a second valve mounting station positioned adjacent each other along the longitudinal axis of said manifold, said manifold having a longitudinally extending slot positioned adjacent said valve mounting stations, and a control assembly cavity located in an interior portion of said manifold;

a first valve being selectively attached to said first valve mounting station; a second valve being selectively attached to said second valve mounting station;

a control assembly electronically connected to said first valve and said second valve to selectively activate said valves, said control assembly positioned in said control assembly cavity in said manifold;

a first visual indicator electronically connected to said control assembly for indicating the activation said first valve and a second visual indicator electronically connected to said control assembly for indicating the activation of said second valve, said first visual indicator including a first light source for emitting light when said first valve is activated and said second visual indicator including a second light source for emitting light when said second valve is activated;

a first light pipe disposed adjacent said first light source and a second light pipe disposed adjacent said second light source for displaying said light emitted from said first light source and said second light source; and

a first light pipe holder located adjacent to said first valve mounting station and a second light pipe holder located adjacent to said second valve mounting station adapted for allowing selectively removable insertion of said first light pipe and said second light pipe, said first light pipe holder and said second light pipe holder is being positioned in said slot in said manifold to form an integral portion of said manifold.

33. (New) A modular fluid valve assembly comprising:

a valve, for controlling fluid flow from an inlet port and an outlet port;

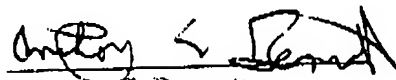
a control assembly, said control assembly separately connected to said valve to selectively activate said valve;

a visual indicator, said visual indicator being electronically connected to said control assembly for indicating the activation of said valve, said visual indicator including a light source for emitting light when said valve is actuated;

a light pipe disposed adjacent to said light source, said light pipe being removably attached to said control assembly, wherein said light pipe facilitates viewing of the activation of said light source; and

said light pipe being held in place by a light pipe holder positioned adjacent said valve, said light pipe holder including a first wall an oppositely positioned and substantially parallel second wall and a third wall, said third wall being substantially perpendicular to said first wall, said third wall connecting said first wall and said second wall; a fourth wall, said fourth wall positioned opposite and substantially parallel to said third wall; a fifth wall positioned substantially parallel and in closer proximity to said third wall than to said fourth wall; and a light pipe receiving aperture, said light pipe receiving aperture comprised of said first wall, second wall, third wall and fifth wall.

Respectfully submitted,



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